

Address: Top O The Hill 12 Lingards Road Huddersfield HD7 5UA

About the application

Application number: 2020/93954	
What is the application for?:	Erection of 57 dwellings and associated works
Address of the site or building:	Land at, Lingards Road, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield, HD7 5HY
Postcode:	HD7 5AL

User comments

Type of comment: An objection
<p>We support sustainable development in line with the existing Kirklees Local Plan but we object to the current plans to build 57 houses on the land to the north of Lingards Road on the following grounds:</p> <p>1. The proposed development is for 57 dwellings which is significantly greater than the proposals in the Kirklees development plan (36 dwellings);</p> <p>The Kirklees Local Plan has an indicative capacity for this plot (HS125) of 36 dwellings. The proposal to build 57 dwellings on this land is 58% more than the capacity envisaged in the local plan. There is already pressure on local services, including the school and local dentist which cannot accept new NHS or private patients (we ourselves are currently unable to register). The plot cannot support such a large development without compromising road safety, creating additional pollution, reducing the privacy of neighbouring properties and impacting the character of a semi-rural area. Any development on this plot should contain no more than 36 dwellings, as outlined in the Kirklees Local Plan.</p> <p>2. The proposed development creates unacceptable road hazards on Lingards Road: any development on the site should be accessed directly via Manchester Road.</p> <p>The proposed access to the plot is via Lingards Road which is not suitable for increased traffic. Lingards Road is a narrow road that contains blind bends, areas without pavement and multiple sections where the road is too narrow for 2 cars to pass. The road is often used by pedestrians and cyclists accessing walking routes at the south of the road. The access to Lingards Road at the south to Chain Road and the north to Manchester Road are both dangerous junctions: Lingards Road in both instances emerges onto a busy road via very sharp, steep turns. The plans for the development include 116 parking spaces. This will create excess traffic on a road that is not suitable for an increased volume of traffic. There will also be an increase in service vehicles, including large delivery vans, needing to use a road that is already congested and difficult to navigate. The new development will also create an additional junction onto Lingards Road. The site plans locate this junction on a blind bend, which will further exacerbate the hazards of driving on Lingards Road. This will significantly reduce road safety and is unfortunately very likely to result in road traffic accidents.</p> <p>Due to the nature of the hazards access via Lingards Road will create, any development on this site should be accessed directly via Manchester Road.</p>